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1. FORWARDED HERewith ARE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE THIRD
DRAFT OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE
IMPORTANCE OF HAVING NATIONS PLAN THEIR DEFENSE PROGRAMS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO FORCE AND LOGISTICS STANDARDS.
THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY (1) HIGHLIGHTING STANDARDS
ALREADY ESTABLISHED, (2) ENCOURAGING MAJOR NATO AUTHORITIES
TO EXPEDITE ONGOING WORK TO REVISE EXISTING STANDARDS AND
(3) ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS IN CERTAIN
CRITICAL AREAS WHERE NONE NOW EXIST.

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3. PARA 24. REVISE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

QTE 24. STANDARDS. FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO IN MANY
INSTANCES DO NOT MEET THE FORCE AND LOGISTICS STANDARDS
ESTABLISHED BY THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS (IN ACCORDANCE
WITH MC 55-2). THIS IS A SERIOUS DEFICIENCY WHICH GREATLY

IMPAIRS THEIR CAPABILITIES AND WHICH SHOULD BE CORRECTED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNQTE.

4. PARA 25. REVISE SECOND SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS:

QTE ... THE PRIME REQUIREMENT IS FOR ALL IN-PLACE AND
ASSIGNED FORCES TO MEET AND BE KEPT AT THE FORCE AND WAR
RESERVE STOCKAGE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE MAJOR NATO
COMMANDERS. IN THE CASE OF LAND FORCES THE GOAL SHOULD
BE TO BRING ALL IN-PLACE AND ASSIGNED FORCES TO CATEGORY
A-1 STATUS (AS DEFINED IN MC 55-2) BY THE END OF THE
FORCE PLANNING PERIOD. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY ... SHOULD
BE EXAMINED. UNQTE.

5. PARA 32. LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES. EXPAND
PARAGRAPH TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:

QTE ... NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE AGREED MINIMUM GOAL OF
30-DAY STOCK LEVELS (AS OUTLINED IN MC-55/2) SHOULD BE
OBTAINED BY 1981. AIR MUNITIONS REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE
CALCULATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NO LESS THAN 60 PERCENT
OF THE D-DAY AIRCRAFT POPULATION SURVIVES TO D PLUS 30.
THE WORK NOW UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP NEW MUNITIONS CONSUMPTION
RATE PLANNING FACTORS FOR LAND AND AIR FORCES SHOULD BE
EXPEDITED. NATIONAL DEFENSE PLANS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO
OBTAIN THE AGREED MINIMUM GOAL OF 30-DAY STOCK LEVELS
(BASED ON THESE REVISED CONSUMPTION RATES) BY 1983. THE
REVISED AIR MUNITIONS PLANNING FACTORS SHOULD ALSO BE
BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NO LESS THAN 60 PERCENT
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OF THE D-DAY AIRCRAFT POPULATION SURVIVES TO D PLUS 30.
UNQTE.

6. PARA 38. REVISE FOURTH SENTENCE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

QTE ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO INCREASE THE COST-
EFFECTIVENESS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURE IN PARTICULAR THE
PERCENTAGE OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURE DEVOTED TO MAJOR
EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION. NATIONS ... UNQTE.

7. PARA 28. DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR. ADD FOLLOWING
SENTENCE TO END OF PRESENT PARAGRAPH:

QTE ... MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS SHOULD ESTABLISH STANDARDS
GOVERNING HOLDINGS OF MODERN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ANTI-
TANK WEAPONS (E.G., ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE MINIMUM
NUMBER OF SUCH WEAPONS (1) PER COMBAT UNIT OR (2) PER
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